

# LATEST AND BEST=The Farmer Daily Sport Page-EDITED BY WAGNER

## HAL CHASE INCREASES HIS LEAD FOR NATIONAL TITLE

Four Hits By Cincinnati Star Yesterday While Wheat Gets Two.

New York, Sept. 21.—Hal Chase made four hits in five times at bat yesterday. One of these hits was a single; two were doubles and the other was a home run. And as the result of his day's work he boosted his average to .400. Zach Wheat, the Brooklyn Bombardier, also had a good day of it, but despite the fact that he made two hits in three times up and boosted his mark from .319 to .321, the loss of two points to Chase on the day.

Hornby and Daubert, the two other contenders for the National League batting championship, had an indifferent day. Hornby failed to make a hit in three times up and lost two points. Daubert held his ground by getting one single in the same number of times at bat.

Here are the up-to-date figures on the four:

	At Bat.	Hits.	Aver.
Chase, .....	505	167	.330
Wheat, .....	435	142	.321
Hornby, .....	481	145	.304
Daubert, .....	424	138	.313

In the American League the championship has been practically won by Tris Speaker. Ty Cobb, who held the title for the last nine years, has admitted that it is practically an impossibility for him to catch the Indian star. The work of the two stars, however, continues to be interesting. They each made one hit yesterday, but they each lost a point.

Their up-to-date averages follow:

	At Bat.	Hits.	Aver.
Speaker, .....	507	198	.390
Cobb, .....	509	184	.361

## RUCKER DAY WILL BE HELD OCT. 2 BY BROOKLYN CLUB

New York, Sept. 21.—Officials of the Brooklyn club and thousands of baseball fans on the other side of the Hudson will witness the Rucker Day, the famous southpaw and knuckleball wonder on Monday, Oct. 2, which has been designated as "Rucker Day." On this occasion the famous left-hander will attempt to pitch the Robins to victory over the Giants.

Rucker has been a member of the Brooklyn team for the last 10 years, having been drafted by the Robins from the Augusta club in the fall of 1906. John McGraw of the Giants paid Rucker a tribute a few years ago when he declared him to be the best left-hander of all time.

President Ebbets announced yesterday that the regulars and the rookies would play an exhibition game at Ebbets Field on Sunday, Oct. 1. No admission will be charged. Invitations will be issued by the club.

## RITCHIE PLANNING COMEBACK IN RING

New York, Sept. 21.—With the approach of cool weather Willie Ritchie announces that he has begun preparations for a new campaign this winter. The one time lightweight champion has spent the summer out on the Pacific coast, where he has taken part in several four round events. For these affairs he was fat and out of condition, so that he met with but indifferent success.

Ritchie has grown right out of the lightweight limit is none too easy for him. Every pound he has taken part in has detracted just that much from his speed. As a lightweight Ritchie was a very good man, although hardly up to the class of those who had preceded him. He was strictly a long distance fighter, and when twenty round bouts went out of fashion he ceased to figure as a star.

## NEWARK MAY LOSE BALL TEAM BECAUSE OF POOR ATTENDANCE

There appears to be very little chance of any Newark baseball fan being induced by urging to take an interest in the Tigers, next year, writes Bert Dodge in the Newark Star-Eagle. When Fred Tenney's men started the season with a wonderful string of victories nobody seemed to be able to get up a bit of enthusiasm. When, after a slump, the Bengals gave evidence of being able to come back, that fact didn't cause any interest either.

Then followed the disastrous round of defeats, which continued with little relief throughout the summer. Though the alleged attendance could hardly have been affected anyway, the string of defeats didn't cause the fans to drop their bored air.

Admitting that Newarkers can't be prodded into displaying an interest in baseball, it might not be out of place to say that if the International League should break up, or if it should be found necessary again to drop Newark from the Barrow circuit, the loss would mark a real blow at the prestige of this municipality.

There is real danger that Newark will lose its baseball team. The backers of the present local proposition have lost much coin. They may not think that the prospects for 1917 are sufficiently cheerful to warrant taking a chance of dropping another bankrupt.

It will be a gamble here next season. Baseball may come back with a rush; close followers of the sport insist that Newark is one of the best baseball cities in the country. Maybe they are right, but the citizens of this burg are not giving any sign of becoming interested in baseball and they may be deprived of the sport for awhile.

## RAILROADS POSTING BASEBALL SCORES TO PLEASE PASSENGERS

New York, Sept. 21.—With the pennant races in both of the major leagues at critical stage, the Lehigh Valley Railroad has arranged to keep baseball fans who ride on its through trains advised of the score of all the important games. At several points along the line where trains stop to change engines or for other purposes the scores are gathered and furnished to the train crews.

In the smoking cars and compartments these scores are promptly posted while cars giving the same data are placed in leather holders and passed through the cars for the benefit of feminine fans as well.

## QUARTET OF CHAMPIONS WILL INVADE SWEDEN IN QUEST OF HONORS



New York, Sept. 20.—It has definitely been decided upon that a quartet of American athletes will invade Sweden this autumn upon the invitation of the sports authorities of that progressive country in order to aid in providing competition for the Swedish, which has not been forthcoming because of the world fracas abroad. The four who have been nominated to take up the cudgels for the stars and stripes are Fred Murray, the national champion at the 220 yard hurdles; Bob Simpson, the high hurdle title holder, and admitted the fastest man in the world today over the high obstacles; Joe Loomis, the recently deposed 100 yard premier, and Ted Meredith, who was deposed recently from his proud position as the best in the land at running 440 yards. Altogether it appears a team will give a capital account of itself in so far as the events for which they are qualified are concerned. Altogether, with the exception of the weights, in all

likelihood America could not be represented by a stronger quartet. That they will not have matters all their own way, however, is predicted by the fact that the Swedes have some athletes themselves who may make their presence felt. It has been arranged for the men to leave these shores September 23 on the steamer Oscar II, for Christiania, with the contests scheduled for "Christiania" Oct. 12, Stockholm, Oct. 14 and Copenhagen, Oct. 21. It may be necessary to make a change in the schedule in view

of the fact that the voyage will require twelve or fourteen days because of the possible holding up of the ship by the English authorities, which would leave the men scant time in which to rid themselves of their sea legs and consequently leave them in a measure unfit, although it is the intention of the athletes to leave here perfectly ready for competition. Layout shows three members of the quartet who are going to Sweden, No. 1, Joel Loomis; 2, Bob Simpson; 3, Ted Meredith.

## YANKS BLOW IN EIGHT ROUND AND BROWNS WIN OUT

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 21.—George Sisler and Derrill Pratt beat the Yanks yesterday by 7 to 2. Three runs in the eighth inning and the Yanks have a legitimate right to protest the game on the grounds that St. Louis was out of its head and not fit to roam at large over the ball park.

Incidentally that St. Louis bunch took one large and extensive room in the fatal eighth inning against all precedent for Jones and party to come to bat in the eighth with the opposition a couple of runs ahead or on even terms, and grab off enough tallies to annex the game. But the score was 3 to 2, when Sisler cracked the first ball pitched for a safety. Pratt took two and then hit next for a single to center, Sisler pulling up at second. George's conscience hurt him for not going to third on Pratt's blow and he compromised by standing half way between the bags. Alexander threw to Peckinpaugh to nab George, but the ball was low and both Sisler and Pratt moved up one while Gedeon and Peckinpaugh scrambled after the elusive pellet. (Maroons popped to Pipp.)

Then up stepped big Bill Rummel hitting for Jim Austin, and lammed one to the safety zone over second. Sisler and Pratt scoring and making their combined total of five runs. Sisler failed to see anything to be enthusiastic about in that two-run sketch. He put a soft one over for Hartley and the Browns' backstop poled it to left. Lavin popped out, as usual, and with Bob Groom up it looked like a two-run lead would stand. But then cracked one past Fisher for a line double. Rummel and Hartley ran in with two markers. They really did not need them; Sisler and Pratt had brought in enough, but there was no other place to run and besides it was getting dark. Shotton closed the inning with a boost to Peckinpaugh.

## BROOKLAWN STAR MAY GET SENIOR CUP AT APAWAMES

C. G. Waldo of the Brooklawn club is playing golf in the Seniors' turnney at Apawamis. He had a position at the top of the list on Tuesday but he turned in an 8 yesterday and it looks as if he would win the trophy offered for the champion senior golfer. For his two days' play Waldo had a score of 167 so he captured the 56-hole gross prize. Two other crops of seniors began play today and if nobody can make a better score than Waldo the veteran will carry home the championship trophy.

## SPECIAL SALE OF FERNS 19 AND 23c JOHN RECK & SON

## DETROIT'S CHANCE FOR PENNANT SLIM AFTER 2ND DEFEAT

Detroit, Sept. 21.—The chances of Detroit winning the American League championship this season were somewhat dimmed when the world's champions won their second straight game from the fighting Tigers by a score of 4 to 1. The defeat sent the home players tumbling down into third place, as the White Sox again just managed to beat the Athletics.

Carrigan's men won the battle after the first two men were out in the eighth inning. Scott was the player who carried the winning run over the plate for the Red Sox. The shortstop and Hamke, the boy wonder from the Coast, was winding up. Scott stole second. Olaf Henriksen batted for Carrigan. This was a wise move on Carrigan's part, as Henriksen hit safely to right and Scott tallied.

The game was a pitching duel between Hamke and Dutch Leonard, the southpaw of the Red Sox. Leonard had one bad inning—the second—in which the Tigers scored all of their runs. The left-hander was in trouble several times after this, but was invincible with men on base.

## TENNIS FANS PAID \$30,000 TO SEE GAMES FOR TITLE

New York, Sept. 21.—According to West Side Lawn Tennis Club officials the recent all comers national singles tournament held by that organization brought in about \$30,000 at the gate, equalling the amount collected last season. Although the sale of season tickets did not reach the mark hoped for, the general daily attendance was beyond expectations, especially with car strikes and other detrimental features.

The biggest day, so far as attendance goes, was Labor day, when the semi-final matches were played. About eight thousand persons were in the grand stand to watch Murray, Griffin, Johnston and Williams play on that occasion.

## CLINTONS HOPEFUL

The Clinton A. C. are out for the 85-95 lb. championship again this year and would like to book games with some of the fastest teams of their weight. All members of the Clintons report for practice tonight and Sunday morning.

The directors of the Bayonne, N. J. hospital announced that they would soon start their campaign to raise \$75,000 for an addition to the building.

## Short Sections of Fan Fodder

### TRYING TO GET CUBS

Unable to secure the Giants for next Sunday, Manager Healy of the Bridgeport club is trying to book the Chicago Cubs for a game at Newfield park. The manager went to New York today to see Manager Tinker of the Cubs. If he cannot secure that team he will try to sign the St. Louis Cardinals for a game.

Either team would be a good attraction here because they have a number of well known players although neither is up in the race. When a club is out of the pennant fight, however, it is more apt to send its first string players.

### TIGERS SEEM LOST

The Red Sox seem to have something on the Tigers just as the Chicago Cubs in Chicago's time were hoodoo for the Giants. Last year Detroit went to Boston with a good chance for the American League flag and the Red Sox promptly trounced them.

This season the Tigers had the advantage of being on their own lot yet the Red Sox have already taken two in the three game series which will probably decide the flag winner. The White Sox by yesterday's victory climbed to within 12 points of Boston. In the National League the Phillies gained half a game in Brooklyn by winning a double header while Brooklyn was taking one contest. This puts the Phillies a game and a half behind Brooklyn.

Napoleon Direct, pacer, and St. Frisco, trotter, of the Geers string, started today at Columbia, O., in the free-for-all and Capital City stakes respectively, while their owner lies in the local hospital recovering from injuries received yesterday in the first serious accident of the fall meeting of the Grand Circuit in this district. Today was to have been Geers Day but the tribute to the veteran driver will

be postponed until he is able to participate.

Pie Way, the former Yale pitcher, will hurl for the Giants when they stack up against the Colonials at Lighthouse Point next Sunday. The Giants have guaranteed to send Heinie Zimmerman, George Burns, Holke and Brad Kocher, the old time Bridgeport catcher.

Young McAuliffe of this city, is confident he will beat Buddy Faulkes when the pair meet in New Haven September 29. The local boy thinks his punch will prove more damaging than Faulkes' skill as a boxer.

Whitehouse, the New London outfielder, has the distinction of playing three successive years on a pennant winner. His first year out he was with Portland, which won the championship. Next he jumped to the Hartford Colonial league, which captured the flag, and this year he helped New London take first place.

You will probably hear no more about the lack of material at Yale. The players who were members of the Yale battery formed for Mexican service, returned from Niantic today and that gave the coaches 25 husky youngsters.

It is said Larry Lajole is playing his last season in the big show. His \$8,000 contract expires this year and it is hardly likely to be renewed. Lajole can still hit but has slowed up as a runner. It is claimed the Cleveland club, which sent Lajole to the Athletics, has been paying half his salary.

Al Demaree has joined the ranks of the iron men. The Phillies' hurler has always been ranked with those pitchers who had to be handled carefully but he was strong enough to beat the Pirates twice yesterday.

## YALE FOOTBALL STOCK BOOMS AS SOLDIERS RETURN

New Haven, Sept. 21.—Yale football stock took a big rise when the news spread about the campus announcing the return of the Yale battery. Several star players are included in the battery membership and all are expected to don their togs today for their first practice.

The battery membership includes "Chub" Sheldon, tackle for two years; Pat Kelley, former center at Eastern West Point; Jim Braden, the former Washington and Jefferson end; Sam Duryee, a fast quarterback and halfback who was crippled last season when he seemed easily in the lead for the quarterback position, and Washington Bogardus, a fast 190 pound tackle.

Joe Neville, who was picked for first string halfback at Yale last year but lost the honor through an injury, provided the fireworks of yesterday afternoon's practice game against the scrubs by lifting two difficult field goals between the "varsity" red posts, one from the 30 yard line and the other from the 25 yard line. Neville has twice registered scores against the "varsity" since the squad reported two weeks ago, both by the drop kick route. His fellow half-back "Effie" Waite, furnished a brilliant addition to the scrub performances, by breaking free for an end run of forty yards.

LeGore and Bingham, the "varsity" halfbacks, were in their best form, both getting several small runs, but were handicapped by unusually ragged work on the part of the "varsity" rushing which came in the form of second string players, Captain Black, Callahan and Gates all being on the sideline. The fact that the third eleven ends, Connolly and Nichols, were tried out was assigned by the coaches as one of the reasons for the poor rushline showing.

### BRISCOE LORD

Briscoe Lord, once a hero of the Athletics and later manager of the Athletics club, was a professional player and Quaker City class merchant, was born thirty-three years ago today in Upland, Pa. Lord joined the Mackmen the first time in 1905, and played in the world's series that year. A couple of years later Mack released him to the Philadelphia Athletics. He worked with the Pelicans, was good that he was bought by Cleveland and he played in the outer garden of the Naps for a couple of years. When the pennant race was closely contested and the Mack outfield in a bungled up condition, Connie bought Lord from Cleveland, and he played brilliantly for the Athletics in the remainder of the 1910 season and in the world's series, remaining with the club until 1912.

French boxers of the old la savate school used the feet as well as their hands, but it has remained for the American scrappers of a rising new school to introduce the use of the head in boxing.

Not that they use their knobs to think with. Far from it. They use their brains for butting purposes exclusively. They are well adapted to this purpose, it must be admitted, being solid ivory—not a mere veneer or ivory finish, but solid through and through.

This school of boxing now has numerous devotees in nearly all boxing centers. The tactics of these so-called William goats are very simple, as befits their intellects. The first thing they do is to lower their heads and make a rush like a bull who has been an anarchistic banner. If the butt connects, the butt goes to the butter and remains in a clinch until the referee pulls him off. William Goat then draws back, lowers his head, and makes another

rush. He then lowers his head and makes another rush. And so. Butting is all he knows, and butting is practically all he does. This butting game may be a sport of some sort, but it certainly isn't boxing. Yet it is the game that most of the youngsters seem to be taking up.

If this thing goes on, boxing gloves may be dispensed with. What we shall need is boxing caps.

### American Association

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	R. H. E.
At Toledo.....	11 15 1
Indianapolis.....	2 4 0
Batteries—Seaton and Schang; Adams, Kalserslag and Wells.	

### National League

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	W. L.
New York 4; Chicago 2.	
Brooklyn 4; St. Louis 2.	
Philadelphia 7; Pittsburgh 6, (first)	
Philadelphia 3; Pittsburgh 2, (2nd)	
Cincinnati 12; Boston 4.	

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Brooklyn.....	84	55	.604
Philadelphia.....	82	54	.604
Boston.....	78	58	.573
New York.....	74	62	.544
Pittsburgh.....	64	79	.444
Chicago.....	63	80	.441
St. Louis.....	60	83	.420
Cincinnati.....	55	89	.383

### GAMES TODAY

Chicago in New York.  
St. Louis in Brooklyn.  
Pittsburgh in Philadelphia.  
Cincinnati in Boston.

### American League

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	W. L.
St. Louis 7; New York 2.	
Chicago 8; Philadelphia 7.	
Boston 4; Detroit 3.	
Cleveland 3; Washington 2.	

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Boston.....	82	59	.585
Chicago.....	83	62	.572
Detroit.....	83	63	.568
New York.....	74	68	.521
St. Louis.....	75	71	.514
Cleveland.....	71	70	.504
Philadelphia.....	81	110	.220

### GAMES TODAY

New York in St. Louis.  
Philadelphia in Chicago.  
Boston in Detroit.  
Washington in Cleveland.

### ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1885.—Bob Brette defeated Jim Mace in 2 rounds at Medway, Eng. During his long career as a champion in England and America Mace lost but two bouts, and this was one of them. The gypsy was then a novice, while Brette was considered one of the topnotchers of the British ring, and afterwards fought Tom Sayers for the championship. In the early days of his ring career some of the English sportsmen thought Mace had a yellow streak. On the way to the scene of his fight with Brette, Jim was accosted by one of their critics, who sneeringly expressed surprise that Mace had dared to show up. This so enraged Mace that when he entered the ring he threw caution to the winds, and instead of displaying his usual cleverness, waded right into Bob Brette and wrapped ed right into him, and was slapped blow for blow. It was a mad mistake for Jim, for Brette was at home at that kind of fighting, and within three minutes Bob had landed a wallop to the jaw that stretched Mace out. Just two years later Bob and Jim met again in the ring, and Mace redeemed himself by putting Brette to sleep after 13 minutes of fighting.